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Louisville sophomore Sha'Shray Moore, of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, waits to take the stage during the Homecoming step show Saturday.

Group mourns its loss

◆ Former Kappa Sigmas picking up pieces after fraternity's charter pulled

BY CARA VANWINKLE

Henry Pile said it was just like a car crash when he and other members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity found out their charter had been revoked Oct. 18.

"When I first found out about it, I thought it was a joke," the Mook Farm junior said. "I thought it was just a prank. Then we had the meeting with our nationals. We were just sitting there, and it was like somebody had just been killed."

The aftermath, he said, was just like dominoes.

"Everyone took turns crying," he said. "It was amazing to sit there and see all these guys — the big tough guy, the little guy, the guys who are so smart and the guys who aren't so smart."

"Every one of them was sitting there crying because they all lost something that was so important. And what's worse is they didn't lose it because somebody took it, they lost it because they dropped it and broke it."

What the fraternity broke was the university's and the Kappa Sigma's national headquarters hazing policy, and now they are having to pay the consequences.

Pile said with the Kappa Sigma fraternity gone, a lot more is missing from Western than just a Greek organization. Pile said he and all of his brothers have lost a part of their lives due to the fraternity's absence.

"It seems silly, but now we've got to learn to be friends just because we're friends, not because we have a bond," Pile said.

"We do (have a bond), but the nationals are telling us we can't, but it's kind of hard to forget everything that we did."

The loss is not only related to the fraternity members, though.

Pile said the organizations the fraternity worked for, like the

A STEP ABOVE THE REST

When thousands of spectators gathered in Diddle Arena on Saturday night, they came prepared to see an energetic step show.

And most left saying that is exactly what they saw.

The four sororities and three fraternities demonstrated to the audience what they had been practicing since the beginning of the semester. As they danced, sang and stepped, they beamed with pride for their organizations. There was no doubt that the crowd recognized that pride as they witnessed the performance in admiration.

"I made a five-hour trip," Atlanta native Meco Malcome said. "I came looking for a good

show, and it was worth the trip. I can't argue about the winners, but it was a close competition."

The step show, which has been a tradition for black Greeks at Western since the early '70s, was a competition for the first time this year.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority left Diddle with trophies — and the satisfaction that their names would be on a rotating plaque displayed in the lobby of Downing University Center. Each organization chose an alumnus to judge the competition and received scores from one to 10 based on creativity.

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STORY BY SHANNON BACK



photo by Scott Panella

Evansville senior Terrance Moore and other members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity perform for the crowd. They won the event.

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Third party provides an alternative for voters

BY STEPHEN LEGA

Heath Sutton isn't pleased by what the Democrats and Republicans have to offer in this year's presidential election.

"Clinton and Dole are more worried about getting elected," the Madisonville junior said.

Sutton won't pick between the lesser of two evils, however. Instead he's voting for Ross Perot.

"He explains what he's going to do and how he's going to do

it," Sutton said.

Government Professor Carl Chelf agreed with Sutton's assessment of the two major parties.

"They're not so wedged in ideology," he said. "They're more into winning elections."

Regardless, third party candidates are not likely to start winning elections any time soon, Chelf said, and Perot's 1992 campaign proves this.

Since the people of the United States do not elect the presi-

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the choice is yours

dent directly, the candidate who wins each state is awarded control of that state's electoral votes. In order to win the presidency, a candidate must win a

majority of the electoral votes.

When the '92 results were counted, 19 percent, or nearly one out of every five voters, selected Perot. The wealthy Texan won no electoral votes, however.

Jim Bingham, a geography assistant professor who is voting for Libertarian candidate Harry Browne, suggested some ways to change the system.

If the United States had direct run-off elections, third party candidates might have a

chance, Bingham explained.

In a direct election, votes would not be filtered through the electoral college. In a run-off, a candidate would have to win a majority of the vote, he said.

If no candidate got a majority on the first ballot, the top two candidates would face each other in a run-off election.

Since the United States doesn't have runoffs, Bingham

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Halloween

Capture the thrill of the season at local haunted houses.

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Violence

Barren River Area Safe Space helps victims of abuse out of dangerous situations.

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Kick off

Western broke its four-game losing streak with a 27-20 win.

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Rainy weather ending soon



Today expect showers on the Hill with a high of 75 degrees. The nighttime low will be 55. Scattered thunderstorms are expected tomorrow with a high of 74 and a low of 63. Thursday will be partly cloudy with a high of 65. The low will be 55. Friday will end the week with mostly cloudy skies and a high of 55. The low will be 45.



♦ Campus line

Men's Soccer Club meets at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Creason Field. For more information, contact the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

Minority Student Services presents "Improving Your Memory" at 3 today in Potter Hall, Room 425. For more information, contact Phyllis Gatewood at 745-5066.

Anyone interested in attending the **1997 Presidential Inauguration** should meet at 3:15 today in Grise Hall, Room 344. For more information, contact Sandra Ardrey at 745-6106.

Country Line Dancing meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Garrett Center, Room 204. For more information, contact the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

Latter-day Saint Student Association meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Downing University Center, Room 308. For more information, contact Claire Rinehart at 745-6006.

Fencing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Smith Stadium dance studio. For more information, contact Daniel Faller at 842-1953 or the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

The physics and astronomy department presents "Journeys" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays in Hardin Planetarium. For more information, contact the department at 745-4044.

Young Democrats meet at 4 p.m. Wednesdays in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Andy Spears at 745-4768 or Stephanie Cosby at 745-4801.



Rami Maalouf/Herald

Stirring it up: Greenville sophomore Jeremy Bowles and Robin Morris, a senior from Springfield, Tenn., cheer for the annual Spirit Stick competition at Big Red's Roar at Diddle Arena on Friday night. The winners of the 1996 Spirit Stick were Phi Mu sorority and Baptist Student Union.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Reports

♦ Charles W. Cooper, Facilities Management, reported a smoke detector was activated Friday by an unknown cause in Poland Hall.

♦ James Couch, Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, reported

Friday two SIMM memory strips, valued at \$100, stolen since Oct. 11 from two computers.

♦ Charles T. Shomo, Keen Hall, reported his driver's side window, valued at \$100, broken and \$2,030 worth of goods stolen Friday from his car in Egypt lot.

♦ A false fire alarm was

reported Saturday in Rodes-Harlin.

♦ A false fire alarm was reported Sunday in Garrett Center.

♦ Tyson M. Greenfield, Catherine Drive, reported his driver's side door, valued at \$300, vandalized Sunday on Hilltop Drive.

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DIDDLE: Dedication continues despite rain

BY JASON HALL

The sun wasn't shining, but the 300 people gathered at the E.A. Diddle Memorial Park Dedication didn't care. They were warmed instead by the shared memories of Western's legendary coach.

"It drizzled a little bit toward the end of the program," President Thomas Meredith said. "But we never missed a beat. We just kept on going."

The park was dedicated at 2:30 Saturday afternoon as part of Western's Homecoming festivities, on the site of the old Diddle Dorm, where Diddle raised his family and where the men's basketball team lived until it was torn down in 1994.

The idea for the park grew out of a conversation between Meredith and his wife, Susan.

"When they told me that Diddle Dorm was consumed by termites, I went home distraught that I was going to be the president that tore down a land-

mark," he said. "So, later that night, Susan and I came up with the idea of a park in its place."

Centertown senior Todd Render walked through the park on his way to class Monday afternoon, and said he's happy with the way the park turned out.

"It's great, and it's awesome," he said. "It took out that really muddy spot that had been there for years and makes it look a lot nicer."

"If I had time, I would eat lunch here."

The park will be a meeting place for students and give the top of the Hill a Diddle presence.

"It gives us an opportunity to continue the tradition and legacy of not only Coach Diddle but the entire Diddle family," said Fred Hensley, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "It allows us to have a very prominent focal point on campus that continues the tradition and name that are so important to the history of this university."



Barry Gutierrez/Herald

During the dedication of E.A. Diddle Memorial Park on Saturday, Betty Haynes, left, Betty Ward, center, and Dan Ward react to a story told about Coach Diddle. The three came from Pensacola, Fla., for the dedication. Dan and Betty Ward were friends and neighbors of the Diddle family.

Student worker, 48, dies after apparent heart attack in Garrett

BY JOHN STAMPER

Jerry Lee Kelly used to drink a cup of coffee with his friends every morning in Garrett Center. Officials believe he suffered a heart attack at 7:42 a.m. yesterday, just before he got his morning cup.

"I thought he was just exhausted or something so I got him a glass of ice water to drink," Marriott Supervisor Lisa Roberts

said. "He said he would be OK."

After her efforts to cool off Kelly failed, Roberts said she told him she was calling an ambulance.

The 48-year-old Bardstown engineering student and master control operator at WKYU television station was pronounced dead by Deputy Coroner Dwayne Lawrence at Columbia Greenview Regional Hospital at 9:48 a.m.

"He usually just always gets a

cup of coffee, but he didn't make it that far this morning," Roberts said.

John Campbell, Kelly's supervisor at WKYU, said Kelly was a very outgoing person.

"He had a very good attitude and was a very pleasant person," Campbell said of Kelly, who had worked at WKYU for nearly a year and a half.

According to Campbell, Kelly

was living with his mother, Alice, while studying at Western and talked fondly about his daughters, Sarah, 17, and Mary, 21.

"They came to visit him a lot," Campbell said. Kelly is also survived by his wife, Cathy.

The North Side Chapel in Bardstown is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Kelly, described as a heavy smoker with high blood pressure,

will be cremated pending the completion of an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

Lawrence said an autopsy was a routine procedure for people under 50 who die from heart-related conditions but do not have a history of heart trouble.

Family members said a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Opinion

Speakers on campus add spice

No one knows who it'll be ... among the book bags and slouching clothes might sit the next Remsky Corsikoff, Alice Walker, Neil Armstrong or James Kachtwy. Western students could be sitting, listening to a campus speaker, and then inspiration hits.

Campus speakers add something new to the routine, a kind of spice to Western.

Students might experience through a speaker a closeness with the subject or art form that they couldn't get in class.

When accomplished poets read their work or an acclaimed filmmaker or photographer displays his or her portfolio, students get a chance to see some of the mentors in their field.

It is a part of the education process.

Sure, memorizing chemistry definitions and the specific history of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers is important. But if students are only tested from the cumbersome white pages of textbooks and lectured by professors every day, what is there to allow them to see the sciences, liberal arts and education at work and in the real world?

This semester Western has had some extraordinary speakers, musicians, writers, politicians and film makers come and share their work.

There's a difference between an instructor speaking about the photography of Gordon Parks and bringing him to Western to spend time presenting his work and visiting with students. Some other notable visitors

this semester have been contemporary pianist George Winston, Vice-Presidential Candidate Jack Kemp and former FBI agent Robert

• **The issue:** This semester, many accomplished speakers, artists and musicians have visited our campus.

• **Our view:** Attending these events enhances a person's intellectual atmosphere and is a part of "New Level."

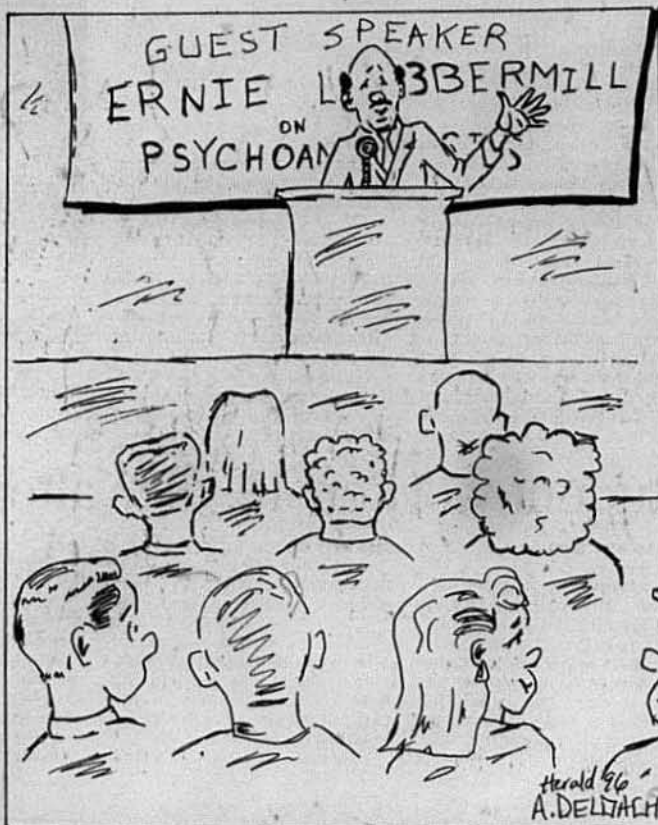
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Students need to attend campus events that bring in speakers.

Even if a professor requires students to attend and write a paper over it, the end result is still good. Maybe some students will start to attend more of these events on their own.

This is enhancing the intellectual atmosphere at Western and is a part of what President Thomas Meredith proposed in his "Moving to a New Level" plan.

Break free of the routine. Instead of just doing what is expected to get the grades for class, students should attend speakers' presentations and obtain something for themselves.



♦ Letters to the editor

More than one view on interracial dating

The reason why I am writing this letter is to respond to Darryn Simmons' commentary (in Thursday's Herald) about interracial dating. I do not think that he fully researched his article. It showed only one point of view, white women and their views of their black boyfriends. What about the way black women look at their white boyfriends?

I am a white male who is tired of being stereotyped as a slave master when it comes to one-sided journalism. I am not saying that all white men treat their girlfriends with respect, but I am not saying that only black men know how to treat their girlfriends any better,

either. If blacks treat women better, why do I hear about how single black women with children blame their black boyfriends for leaving them to take care of their child or children?

Do not get angry with me because of this information, but it also happens within white communities too, usually through divorce and men leaving their responsibilities.

Maybe Mr. Simmons' article was cut because of a lack of space given to it by the Herald. Though it was a commentary, something as important as interracial dating should not have been drawn sides—the lack of information and research questions the professionalism of the writer.

For once, there are no sides

—not a black or white one. It is what attracts two people.

Thomas Westwood
Elizabethtown junior

Herald story biased

I am very disturbed by the way the staff of the Herald reported on the recent pulling of the Kappa Sigma fraternity charter from Western's campus. The feelings of the members of the fraternity and all of their friends and associates were not taken into consideration.

I understand that it is the staff's job to report on the occurrences on campus.

But they did not need to make their issue of not being able to be present at Kappa Sigma's meeting with the university seem more of an issue than the

fraternity having to give up their charter.

It was also upsetting to know that they misquoted someone on this issue that has upset the entire Greek system. It is the Herald's responsibility to report the facts, not to twist around other people's words so that they reflect the author's own opinions. In Cara VanWinkle's article published in the Oct. 24 Herald, the author made it sound like the entire Greek system is now against the Kappa Sigs. This is not entirely the case. Everyone in the Greek system knows that hazing is against all existing policies and should not occur.

When a situation of hazing does come out into the open, of course something has to be done.

But it is not fair to now put a label on all of the members of Kappa Sigma.

It is hard to lose an organization that has meant so much to the Greek system at Western for over 30 years. I hope that in light of the events of the past few weeks, the fraternities and sororities of Western can pull together and remain a strong part of this university.

Amy L. Lueken
Lexington senior

Decision respected

When I transferred to Western back in January from Indiana State, I had an ambition to play basketball for the Hilltoppers. Being from Terre Haute, Ind., I had never seen

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People poll

♦ What do you think of E.A. Diddle Memorial Park?



"It's nice. Other than that I haven't been through it yet."

Adam Kaestner,
Louisville
sophomore



"I haven't seen it yet. I don't have classes up that way."

Jerry Nunn,
Glasgow
sophomore



"I don't know what to say about it really. I'm not an athlete and it wouldn't mean a whole lot to me."

John Hildreth,
Cincinnati
senior



"I kind of like it."

Charles McCoy,
Drakesboro
freshman



"It was too bad they had to knock down the arch the first time. I like it a lot. It adds character to Western's campus."

Chris Moore,
Greenville
freshman

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Greeks not needed; other things to do

When I look back over my four years at Western, I noticed that the Kappa Sigma fraternity is only the latest in a long line of notorious Greek organizations to participate in the most famous of their rituals — hazing.

The very first Herald I read as a freshman (Aug. 25, 1992) had in it a story about four members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity being arrested after adding detergent to the downtown fountain in Bowling Green, killing nearly \$1,000 worth of innocent fish and plants.

This is not an isolated incident on campus.

The Jan. 25 issue of the Herald had a photo of a Phi Delta Theta fraternity member tied to the statue of Henry Hardin Cherry. This poor, unfortunate soul was then doused with syrup, jelly, eggs and orange juice.

On Sept. 17, a trio of Delta Tau Delta fraternity pledges were arrested after Bowling Green police found them wandering around town buck naked.

In all of these incidents, the fraternities denied any hazing was involved and that these people were not forced or coerced into participating.

In none of these instances was the fraternity involved close to losing their national charter, as the Kappa Sigs have.

But surely these are not iso-

lated cases.

As I recall these incidents, I wonder: what must be going through people's minds when they think about pledging these, or any other fraternity or sorority?

What possible enjoyment can one get from being tied up, being naked, being arrested and being humiliated in general?

Is it worth the hundreds of dollars spent on membership fees?

To be more accurate, a four-year membership to most fraternities or sororities will cost you thousands of dollars. That's enough to pay for many semesters of college.

But there are more drawbacks than just the hazing.

A friend of mine once had a roommate who was a fraternity pledge. My friend was telling me about the lack of sleep he was developing.

"Bobby's keeping me up late at night," he told me.

"He gets phone calls at 3 o'clock in the morning, then he has to go raid the frat house."

Between classes, sleep, work and studying, I wouldn't have time for frivolous things like raiding a frat house in the middle of the night.

I already have friends I can go to Hilltopper football and basketball games with.

I already have friends I can hang out and go to parties with.

Fraternities aren't for me. I don't need to buy my friends.

Editor's note: Russ Stapleton is a graduate student in computer science from Louisville.

Russ Stapleton
Commentary



Nicknames come without consent

What is in a name? Sorry Shakespeare, that's not really the big question.

Think about the whole essence of a person's name. What does it mean? What does it say about the person who carries that name?

Real names you can't help. They are selected without your input because you don't care at the time. The only thing that you care about is where the nearest milk outlet is.

Sometimes I wonder what parents are thinking when they name their children. For example, I knew a guy who was named Richard Head (think about it). This was a perfect example of why, for safety reasons, we should be able to change our names when we start school.

The small string of houses that I call home is full of silly-sounding real names like Gomer and Elezmar.

The following is a short list of the most obscure nicknames in my hometown: Stinky Pits, Dooger, Rubberneck, Rubbercheck and Oak Tree.

If you don't want to end up with a name like Possum Breath,

then heed my warning. Don't do stupid things on holidays, especially Halloween.

There is a man who lives near me named Chuck, and he has a nickname that has survived for 30 years.

It all started with a group of

laughter from their hiding place.

This is where Chuck comes in, a quiet kid in the wrong place at the wrong time. Chuck had laughed so hard at the night's activities that he now had to go to the bathroom. So while he stood off to the side the other boys hurled their best gambit of eggs yet at the house.

The old man came out a'blasting. Chuck heard the shotgun and the other boys screaming for him to run, but his pants were down and he wasn't in any shape to run. So he turned around raised his hands and yelled "Don't shoot," but the old man, being about 50 yards away, didn't stop.

Chuck was standing too far away, and the man knew it wouldn't do anything but burn him so he aimed low and fired. After the operation to remove the lead, Chuck received his new nickname — Pee-pee.

So be careful this Halloween. You don't want to end up with a nickname that will leave you scarred for life.

Editor's note: Ryan (Possum Breath) Craig is a senior public relations and history double major from Allega.



Ryan Craig
Commentary

boys toilet-papering the local grump's yard and throwing eggs on his roof. The first time they threw eggs, he came out and cursed at them and told them to go home. They were hidden behind a roll of hay laughing, and when he went inside, the eggs started flying again.

Then he came out and said if they didn't go home the next time he came out they would be sorry. This received howls of

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such great hospitality as the people of south central Kentucky have shown me.

I visited campus last November and felt that this was the perfect place for me to achieve my goal of playing Division I basketball.

I had the utmost respect for the basketball program here and wanted nothing more than to be a part of it. I believed that my 6'10" height and 7'4" wingspan would make a good prospect for the coaching staff to develop.

When I became a manager for the team last spring with the hopes of being on the team this fall, I was made to feel right at home. I fought through the obstacle of having reconstructive surgery on my right shoulder this past June, which was performed by Dr. Kunkel, a physician of the Indiana Pacers. Four short months later, my quick recovery was nothing short of a miracle.

When I returned to Western this fall, I was ready to do anything that it took to be part of Western's team.

I even got up every morning to run preseason conditioning with the team at 6 a.m. It is a team which I consider to be family.

Tryouts were about a week ago. I walked into Diddle Arena that night feeling very determined. After tryouts, I walked out feeling more confident than ever. I had what I felt was a great performance and a good workout. I accomplished everything that I had set out to do that night. I didn't miss a shot. I hit a three-pointer, rebounded well and was active and talkative on defense. In my opinion, I could not have asked for a better performance.

I found out that I was not taken to be on this year's Hilltopper squad. My long-time goal of being a part of Western's basketball program came to an end that day.

I wanted nothing more than

to be an active practice player and have the opportunity to work my way up the ladder.

This meant everything to me and it hurts, but I guess Western needs another guard instead of a big man.

I have great admiration for Coach Matt Kilcullen, and I will respect his decision.

I wish my friends on the team the best of luck.

*Jon Fish
junior from Terre Haute, Ind.*

Esposito uninformed

In more than a decade in journalism and politics, I have come across few more vicious and ill-informed pieces of "journalism" than Mike Esposito's Oct. 22 commentary (in the Herald).

The outlandishness of Esposito's series of claims (for instance, "America is in danger of becoming a Christian version of Iran" with Ron Lewis' help) are matched only by their inac-

curacy and almost complete lack of substantiation.

Esposito speaks darkly of the religious right. I'd wager, however, that he had no objections when former seminary student Al Gore used a Louisville pulpit Sunday to endorse Mike Ward and Steve Beshear, or when President Clinton stood in front of a Washington congregation in 1994 to suggest the Lord approved of his Crime Bill. I believe people of faith — left, right and center — have as much a right to be involved in politics as anyone else. Is there a double standard that makes it permissible for a liberal Rep. Jesse Jackson to be involved, but not a conservative U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis?

Ron Lewis voted to balance the budget (which hasn't been done since 1969), reform welfare, save Medicare and cut taxes. And, yes, he is staunchly pro-life and has voted to disallow federal tax dollars to be used for abortions.

But that's a mainstream position: millions of Americans, pro-life or not, do not want their tax dollars to fund abortions.

Esposito also brings up the tired "Hillary Clinton effigy burning" story, which Lewis neither knew about or approved of and, in fact, criticized the following day.

Keith Lawrence of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, who was there (unlike Esposito), wrote that it was not a hateful act.

Here's who I believe has a right to be involved in politics, thus "imposing views" on other Americans: Everyone — even conservative Christians.

As for Esposito's contention that Lewis is "not good for Kentucky," professional journalists at the Daily News and the Messenger-Inquirer would disagree — they've endorsed Ron for re-election.

*John McGary
communications director for
U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis*

HOMECOMING: Students rewarded for their spirit

BY KIM LEONARD

Although many alumni participated in Homecoming activities, many students were also recognized for their spirit.

Louisville junior Laura Hall, a Chi Omega sorority member, was crowned Homecoming queen Saturday night during halftime of the football game against Indiana State University.

"I'm so honored. I was very surprised," Hall said. "There hasn't been a Chi O Homecoming queen in seven years."

"Usually it's a Spirit Master or something, and I'm just me."

Kappa Delta sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity joined together to win the Greek House decorating contest. The decorations portrayed a drive-in movie theater showing a football game. They were recognized at Big Red's Roar on Friday night.

"Winning was pretty cool," Louisville sophomore Jessica Merman said. "Everyone put a lot of effort into it."

Sigma Kappa sorority also used the

Homecoming theme "Reeling in the Years: Happy 90th Birthday Western" to win the banner contest. The sorority won \$50 and was also recognized at Big Red's Roar.

"We were pretty excited," Clay senior Christy Lovan said. "It meant a lot to us as a chapter. We stayed up to almost 4 in the morning the night before."

Phi Mu sorority and the Baptist Student Union tied for the spirit award at Big Red's Roar. Their names will be engraved into a spirit stick that is passed on every year.

Scott Taylor, Student Activities director, said the Homecoming events were successful.

"We had a lot of student participation and activities this week," he said. "Despite the weather, the festival of friends was successful."

Taylor said this year's Homecoming Court was unusual.

"Having 16 Homecoming queen candidates was exciting because that's the most we've had in a long time," he said.

"I'm so honored. I was very surprised. There hasn't been a Chi O Homecoming queen in seven years."

— Laura Hall
Louisville junior



Alyse Preston/Herald

Louisville senior Laura Hall, a Chi Omega sorority member, is named Homecoming queen during halftime Saturday night.

ALTERNATIVE: Major parties adopt popular third-party ideas

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would like a none-of-the-above slot on the ballot.

The electoral system isn't the only reason third parties have little chance of winning, Chelf said.

Major parties often adopt popular third-party ideas, he said.

The Libertarian Party has traditionally pushed for a reduction of the federal government's size

and scope. Now the Democrats and Republicans are also speaking against big government, Chelf said.

Perhaps the best example of a major party co-opting a smaller one is from the 1896 election, Chelf said.

The Populist Party wanted free coinage of silver and nominated Williams Jennings Bryant as their presidential candidate.

So did the Democratic Party.

Neither Bryant nor the idea of coining silver won that year, but other third party ideas, such as Social Security and direct election of senators, have become law.

This shows that third parties can influence the system without getting elected, Chelf said.

Third parties' voters know their candidates aren't going to win.

But Bloomfield sophomore Douglas Hagan, a registered

Democrat who plans to vote for Perot, thinks the major parties and the media should open up the political arena.

"If you're on the ballot in all 50 states, you should be able to participate," he said.

Third-party voters are sending a message to the major parties, Hagan added.

"More and more people are disheartened with the way

they're acting," he said.

Sutton hopes third-party candidates will receive more coverage in the 2000 presidential campaign, but he said it's not likely to happen. Right now the media doesn't pay much attention to the third-party candidates, he said.

That's a shame, he said.

"It's just like saying they're not important," Sutton said. "That's ridiculous in my opinion."



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Before taking the stage for his fraternity's performance in Diddle Arena on Saturday night, Louisville senior John Marshall kneels to pray in a hallway.

Marshall and his brothers of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity took first place in the competition, which was sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council.

Photo by Scott Panella



James Glover II/Herald

Louisville sophomore Sha'Shray Moore, of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, performs during the step show.



James Glover II/Herald

Louisville junior Germaine Champion, a Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity member, practices his routine in a men's bathroom before hitting the stage for his fraternity's performance.

A STEP ABOVE THE REST

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precision and crowd response.

About 3,000 people turned out to see the organizations strut their stuff. The show raised \$1,800 to further the education of black students.

"Everyone knows that males are competitive," said Louisville junior Germaine Champion, a Kappa Alpha Psi member. "Everyone always tried to make it a good show but when you add the word 'competition' to step show, we can't help but try harder. I think it should have been done a long time ago."

Cincinnati sophomore Dee Muldrow was unexpectedly unable to perform with his Omega Psi Phi fraternity brothers. Muldrow, who was looking forward to stepping for the first time, injured his knee in the football game before the show.

"I just knew it wouldn't hap-

pen to me," he said. "Of all six of us who play football, I had to be the one to get hurt."

"I'm really disappointed. It is hard not to feel that all that time I spent practicing is wasted."

Louisville junior Tommy Jewell, an Omega member, said Muldrow was one of the key elements to their show.

"We had to redo our show right before we performed," he said. "We went into it though with the attitude that everybody knows the show, and if we won, great, and if didn't, we didn't."

Hopkinsville junior Latoya Cobb said the months of practice finally paid off.

"I'm relieved it is all over, and I can have my life back," the AKA member said. "We already knew we were going to win. We went out there and stepped better and showed more creativity than the rest. We had AKA-tyde."

First-time step show specta-

tor Kim Jenkins said the show was more exciting than she anticipated. The Bardstown freshman said she'll definitely be back for the next show.

"All the fraternities were really good, and the AKA girls were excellent," Jenkins said. "They all did a great job getting the crowd involved. You didn't see people up walking around. Everyone was into it."

For Crestwood graduate student Chris Fleming, the step show is basically a world championship for its participants. Although he was hoping to win, the Alpha Phi Alpha member didn't know what to think when his fraternity was called.

"You can't be prepared for that moment," he said. "It's like winning the Olympics. Whenever you put the word 'competition' in, everyone is on a different level and tries to step to meet that level."



Photo by Scott Panella

Marshall, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, holds up the championship trophy after the seven-member step team claimed victory.

Regents make repairs with extra money

BY FRED LUCAS

The Board of Regents decided Friday to give more money to deferred maintenance and dorm repairs, but not without some debate of what budget goals should be.

The fund allocation passed unanimously, but some members questioned the \$3,033,011 amount that was left over from last year.

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel said the budgeting should have been done more closely to know how much the university will have left over.

"Had this \$3 million been in budgeting process, we could give substantial compensation to faculty and staff," he said.

A big chunk of the money, \$1,715,611, went to improving academics and academic facilities, which includes deferred maintenance.

There will be \$1,081,300 going to university-wide priorities,

while \$236,100 will go into high priority support units.

Another \$968,474, in addition to the \$3 million, was left over from last year and was allotted to repair the dorms and other buildings.

Housing Director Kit Tolbert said shower partitions in North, East, South, West, Bates-Runner, Gilbert and Central halls will be replaced. Also the roofs on Schneider Hall and Downing University Center will be replaced. The heating valve and air-conditioner pipes in Pearce-Ford Tower and various other life safety projects in 12 dorms will also be replaced.

Jim Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration, said more money would go for maintenance this year.

"We budget money for Facilities Management each year. We don't really have money for deferred maintenance," he said. "This is probably the biggest push we've given that in years."

Student Regent Kristen

Miller, a Louisville senior, said repairing the buildings is important to the learning process.

"This university is not only about faculty and staff, it's also about the 15,000 students," she said. "We need to take care of faculty, but we need to take care of students, too."

Ramsey said the university

"The budget is the most important statement we make in what our priorities are."

— Ray Mendel
faculty regent

budgets conservatively, and pointed out that Western is better off than the University of Kentucky, who overestimated their revenues and now has to

make cuts in their first budget.

Regent Earl Fischer said the conservative policy may not be necessary.

"I'd be very offended if word got out that we were not interested in raises for people in this institution," he said.

Regents schedule budget meeting

The board decided to schedule its meeting to vote on the 1997 budget for summer to know how much money they will have for financing.

The budget will be discussed at the April meeting but will not be voted on until the summer meeting. The date originally proposed for this meeting was April 25 but was moved to April 29.

Mendel said if the vote takes place during the academic year more people will have the opportunity to be involved in the budgeting process.

"The budget is the most

important statement we make in what our priorities are," he said.

Meredith said it was important to spend as much time on the budget as possible.

"You can't lose sight that a lot of budgeting is on revenue and expenditure," he said.

He said the meeting would not be closed to anyone.

"The meeting will be covered in the Daily News, and it will be an open meeting for anybody who wants to come," Meredith said. "The April meeting would have been after the last Herald publication date anyway, but I didn't want to go into all of that."

Staff Regent Joy Gramling said the budget should be voted on while class was still in session.

"The budget needs to be done as soon as possible so the campus can be included," she said. "If it is voted on before school lets out, it makes it easier, and it encourages participation."

Contract near end for Marriott, committee begins search

BY JENNIFER WRIGHT

Starting next summer, students at Western may have to develop a new taste.

Gary Meszaros, director of Business Services, said the university formed a committee to recommend a food contractor when Marriott's five-year contract expires in July 1997.

Meszaros, who is also chairman of the committee, said the group represents the entire campus.

"I'm not going to tell you that the committee members were picked at random," he said. "But not all of them have to do with the food situation on campus. The members range from a vari-

ety of departments on campus. We even have two students on the committee."

As of Thursday when the committee met, Meszaros said the names of members were not being released because of security reasons.

"We spent most of the time introducing ourselves to each other and discussing the objectives for the committee," he said.

The committee has 10 members and University Attorney Deborah Wilkins, who assists them on any legal matters that may come up, Meszaros said.

James Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration, said the decision to form the

committee doesn't reflect badly on Marriott.

"They will be encouraged to submit a proposal," he said.

Marriott Corp. representatives could not be reached for comment.

Meszaros said the committee's main objective is to issue requests to food companies and invite them to make presentations to the group.

The committee will evaluate the presentations and make a recommendation to President Thomas Meredith and the Board of Regents.

"We hope to have the process completed by April 1," he said.

Glasgow senior James Fox said he's glad the university is

evaluating the food situation with student input.

"It's good that the university is paying attention to us students for a change," he said.

Meszaros said when Marriott came to Western four years ago, the food service on campus was losing money and had several problems.

"We wanted to privatize and bring Marriott to come in and bring back the stability and the professional staff that we had experienced in the past," he said.

Meszaros said Marriott accomplished that, but now the university thinks it can expand food service even more.

"We want to move to a new

level," he said.

"We want to extend the hours of service and improve the quality of the food even more."

Heather Crawford, a freshman from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., said it's a good idea for the university to examine the food situation.

"I'm not saying that I don't like Marriott, but when you see a chance to improve something, you do it, and that is what Western is doing," she said.

Meszaros said the university wants to remain open-minded.

"We want to have different options to look at and have new products to choose from," he said. "We're just looking to expand all together."

Loss: 'Right now everyone would like to do things with Kappa Sigma'

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Boy's Club, will suffer too because they will no longer have the Kappa Sig to volunteer.

One of the hardest parts of accepting the loss, Pile said, is the reaction from everyone else.

Pile said when everyone said the fraternity "deserved it," they didn't understand what the fraternity was about or the morals and qualifications that are

involved in becoming a fraternity.

Now he said when people see him on campus they tend to look at him like he and his fraternity brothers are lepers.

"They look at you and immediately judge you because you're wearing the letters," Pile said. "It's kind of embarrassing."

"It's an embarrassment to us. It's an embarrassment to the whole fraternity and sorority system and the university in general."

Pile said last week was hard for the members because it was Homecoming, and they couldn't participate as an organization.

"Right now everyone would like to do things with Kappa Sigma," he said. "Everyone would like to go to Big Red's Roar and everyone would like to participate in Homecoming, but we can't."

"We made a mistake and now we're paying for it."

The national office of Kappa

Sigma and the university are still investigating the allegations of hazing, so actual facts of the incident are still kept closed.

Former Kappa Sig Greg Bailey, a Louisville senior, said the fraternity knew what they were doing was wrong as far as the consequences went, but nothing bad had ever happened before.

"Everything that we've done before, only good had come out of it," he said.

Pile said the things the members did wrong had happened in the fraternity since 1965 when it was founded on Western's campus.

"Nationals had never come down, so we never thought it was that bad," he said.

Pile said it doesn't matter why the fraternity lost its charter. It's gone and all the members are trying to do is "keep our dignity" despite everyone else's reaction.

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As Donna Davis leads a group through a tunnel at the Haunted Junkyard near Smiths Grove, she gets a scare from one of the creatures. The Chalybeate Volunteer Fire Department produced the haunted junkyard.

Monsters, goblins roam in area's haunted houses

By SCARLET BLANDFORD

It's not just houses that are haunted anymore.

For those who crave being chased by a man with a chain saw or dodging creatures lunging from the shadows, haunted houses aren't the only place to seek a rush of adrenaline.

Bowling Green and the surrounding area have haunted woods, junkyards and caves as well.

One of these is the Chalybeate Volunteer Fire Department's Haunted Junkyard Hayride in Edmonson County. Saturday was the last evening for the event, but many other haunted horrors are open until this weekend.

The Haunted Junkyard Hayride began as a tractor sloshed through the mud, and the hay-stacked trailer on the back creaked and swayed with the ruts in the ground.

As people talked with anticipation about the horror that awaited them in the woods, the tractor inched past a cornfield and around a barn filled with junk. Many wondered exactly when the haunting would begin.

Much to their surprise, nothing leaped at them from the corn or called to them from the cluttered recesses of the barn. The tractor putted to a halt at a painted white cloth with a hole in the center, like a mouth

through which the junkyard swallowed its next victims.

Inside, the monsters did their scaring thing — firing guns and firecrackers, firing in the electric chair and chasing people with chain saws and Weed Eaters. With so many trees and old cars, victims never know when and from where a body might lunge.

They also never know when their legs might fail them, because buried in the sawdust are soft, springy mattresses that will make their knees buckle if they don't watch their step.

The path winding through the junkyard lead to a strong finish, a black tunnel with strobe lights and its own share of haunts.

For people who would rather laugh than scream when monsters jump out from the shadows, this haunting experience is similar to many other haunted houses open to the brave and fearless this Halloween.

Other Attractions

◆ Slaughter House in Nashville on Dickerson Pike. Take I-65 south to exit 89 and turn left. Continue for half a mile and the house is next to Kroger. It will be open every night until Halloween. Admission is \$10.

◆ Death Row Prison in Nashville behind Sports Unlimited. It will be open every night until Halloween from 6:30

p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.

◆ Monster Mountain in Nashville. Take I-65 to U.N. Parkway and get off at Exit 6. Pass Beach High School and then turn left at mile marker seven and follow the signs. Cost of admission is unknown.

◆ Haunted Woods in Hendersonville at 769 West Main St. across from Fox Tools. The theatrical haunted house opens at 7 p.m. and closes at 10 p.m. It is open until midnight on Halloween. Children under 42 inches should be accompanied by a adult. Admission is \$10.

◆ Madison Haunted Mansion in Madison, Tenn., on Galatin Road, one mile south of Rivergate Mall. It is open nightly until Nov. 2. The doors open at dark and close at 10 p.m. on week nights and at midnight on weekends. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under five.

◆ The Haunted Jail II in Leitchfield, just off Courthouse Square. It will be open on Halloween from 8 p.m. to midnight. Parental discretion is advised for children under 12, and young children are advised not to attend. Profits benefit the Christmas for Kids Program sponsored by the Grayson County Jaycees. Admission is \$5 or \$3 with a new toy.

Additional reporting for this story was done by Shannon Back.

Faculty to perform German style

By TRAVIS MAYO

Abendlied ... it's all in the word. Translated, the German word means evening song and describes a night of German art, songs and duets that will take place tonight.

Scott Root, his wife, Renee Skrevas Root, and Donald Speer will perform in the recital hall in the fine arts center at 8 p.m., and admission is free.

While the three performers will be presenting the music of German composers Schumann, Brahms, Wolf and Dvorak, they also hope the concert will allow those in attendance some exposure to the art form.

"I hope it will offer exposure to some incredibly beautiful music," Renee Root said.

Scott Root, a music assistant professor, hopes the recital will strengthen a declining art form.

"The art song recital, as an art form, is in sort of a state of decline, and it's wonderful music that deserves to be pre-

served," he said.

As he also pointed out, students who study the art song recital usually don't get to do it outside of the classroom. He said he hopes students attending the program will learn more about the art form.

The content of the performance will be sung in German, but, according to Scott Root, a full translation of the music will be available in the program.

While the Roots said tonight's event will provide wonderful music and knowledge for the audience, Speer said any program offered will provide a chance for expansion.

"With any program we offer, it's nice to offer a music experience that will be enjoyable and expand someone's perspective," he said.

Speer, a music assistant professor, will accompany the two singers for the recital.

Not only will the works of several German composers be performed, but Scott Root will debut a piece of his own.

"Herzentränen." The work includes three songs and describes the pain and anguish of falling in love. As he said, it's something people can universally relate to.

"I'm excited about it being premiered," Scott Root said. "And it's kind of a sidelight for me, and I'm pleased with how it turned out."

Renee Root will sing a song cycle called "Gypsy Songs." The cycle is by Dvorak, and consists of seven songs. She will also be performing some Brahms music.

"Doing an all-German concert is a very common thing, especially in Germany, so we took it from the European idea and decided it would be fun doing all German," Renee Root said.

She also said the recital, right around the time of Brahms' birthday, who was born in 1833, serves as a celebration of the composer.

"It also gives us a chance to keep our performance up," she said.

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Shelter provides safe space for abuse victims

BY CHARBONÉ LA BELLE

When the domestic violence case load became too much for the Department of Social Service workers, a spouse abuse shelter had to be opened, said Sue, an outreach coordinator for Barren River Area Safe Space.

"I know in this area we had so much going on, some of our social workers were taking abuse victims home with them when they were in dangerous situations," said Sue, who asked that her last name be withheld for safety reasons.

The shelter has been providing a safe haven for victims of domestic violence in Warren County and nine surrounding counties since 1981, said Richard Story, board president for the center.

Last year, the shelter housed 319 victims, which was an increase of 37 percent over

1994's figures, he said.

Volunteers answered more than 3,355 crisis calls last year, an 18 percent increase over 1994's numbers, Story said.

The shelter also provided 1,569 advocacy services in 1995, he said.

Advocacy services consist of assisting and supporting victims of abuse in their efforts to use available resources.

Employees of the center conducted 6,181 counseling services and 1,098 outreach services in 1995, Story said.

Outreach services include crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling and case work to victims who are not staying in the shelter.

The shelter is funded through state money, the United Way and public donations, Sue said.

There are 14 employees and many volunteers, she said.

The center is needed because

it assists every facet of society at some time or another, Sue said.

"We see everybody," she said. "Domestic violence knows no bounds."

The facility has beds for 20 people, but there have been up to 30 people temporarily staying there before.

"We don't turn anyone away," she said. "If anybody is in a dangerous situation, we don't turn them away. We have to tell them we might have to get them another shelter to stay in, but we will not leave anyone in a dangerous situation."

A woman leaves her abuser five to seven times on average before she leaves for good, Sue said. People often ask, "why doesn't she leave?" she said.

"The question should be why does he abuse her instead of why does she stay," she said. "I've never worked with anyone who wanted their marriage to end — they just wanted the abuse to stop."

Because a woman is 75 percent more likely to be killed if she leaves, women need to have a safe-

ty plan if they are thinking about leaving their abuser, Sue said.

Hiding things like an extra set of car keys, extra money and important papers can be very helpful, she said.

If a person can call the local spouse abuse centers and have a plan as to where they will go and how they will get there, it will aid in their escape.

But most of the time, these

steps are out of the question, Sue said.

"You're lucky if you have a chance to plan," she said.

The shelter offers free and confidential services immediately and won't refuse anyone no matter what choices they make, Sue said.

"At BRASS, we don't judge anyone — even if they go back," she said.



Part six of a month-long series

Students to experience night of homelessness

BY KIM LEONARD

About 60 to 100 students will be homeless tomorrow night.

"Sometimes we find something as dramatic as spending the night outside in a box on the cold, hard ground really affects students," said Darryl Bridges, a Residence Life area coordinator.

The students will be participating in the sixth annual Shantytown, a program sponsored by Residence Life designed to help students understand the seriousness of being homeless, Bridges said. There are about 450,000 rural homeless people in the United States, and about 6,100 homeless in Kentucky.

"It heightens the awareness level of our students on the plight of the homeless both here in Kentucky and in general," Bridges said. "Many people think it's just a big city problem."

Sarah Hovde, Bates-Runner hall director, said the program is important in understanding the homeless.

"By spending the night outside, students would be able to see what it's like to be a homeless person for one night at least," the Seattle graduate student said.

Shantytown will also raise money for the homeless. Students who participate are asked to get pledges for every hour they spend outside, and

donations are also accepted.

All of the earnings will go to the Salvation Army, Bridges said. About \$500 was raised last year.

"We're hoping for about \$500 this year, but if we don't get it, I'm not going to be disappointed," he said. "Any amount is worth it."

Registration for Shantytown begins at 9 p.m. tomorrow on DUC south lawn. Students will sleep outside in boxes until 6 Thursday morning.

"Rain or shine we'll be there, because if someone is homeless, they have no control over what to do about the weather," he said.

There will be hot soup and a barrel fire for warmth. Hot chocolate and coffee may also be available for students, Bridges said.

Hovde said hall directors worked together on the program because they're "interested in helping out."

"I contacted the agency we're sponsoring and other people were involved in getting the fire permit and wood," she said. "We each had different things to do."

Bridges said a former area coordinator started Shantytown six years ago.

"Kathy Kanz had seen this at another school, and she wanted to have it at Western and it was very successful," he said. "Hopefully, I think, this program will continue for many years to come."

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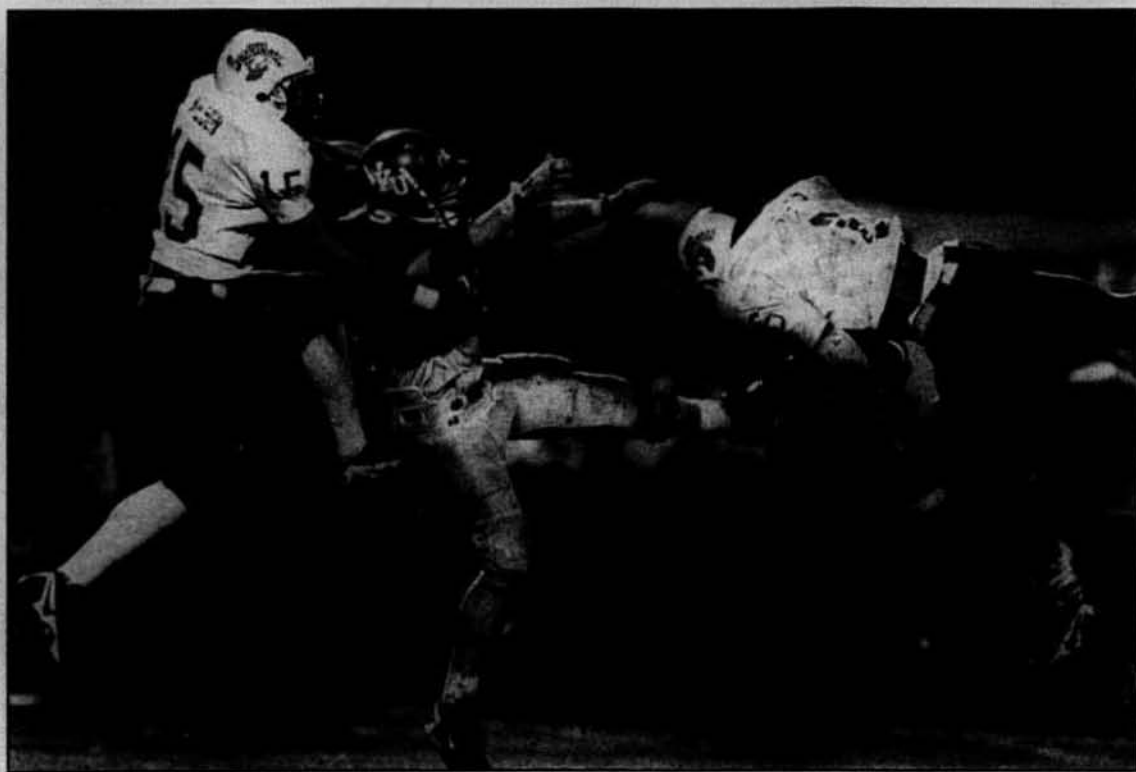


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November 5, 1996**

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Sports



A pass intended for senior tight end Andy McLeod is blocked by two Indiana State defenders during Saturday's Homecoming victory. photo by Scott Panella

Hilltoppers glad to be home

◆ *Western's football team beat then-No. 21 Indiana State 27-20 on Homecoming*

BY DARRYN SIMMONS

Last Saturday was Western's Homecoming — and the title was right on the money.

Not only did alumni from all over the country come home to Western, but the Hilltopper football team also came back — to the basics.

Led by the rushing tandem of senior tailback Antwan

Floyd and junior quarterback Willie Taggart and a stifling defense, Western (5-4) ended its four-game losing streak with a 27-20 win over No. 21 Indiana State (6-3).

The key for the Hilltoppers was consistency and execution.

"We ran the same plays with the same people, but this time they were productive," Coach Jack Harbaugh said.

The Hilltoppers also didn't allow themselves to fall prey to the menace that had haunted them during their four-game losing streak — turnovers.

After a costly fumble in the

third quarter by Western, junior defensive back Bryan Daniel came back on the very next play to recover a fumble of his own and return it 15 yards for a touchdown.

Daniel's touchdown broke a 13-13 tie, and Western never trailed again.

"When we turned the ball over, I thought 'Here we go again,' but we got a fumble and scored," Harbaugh said. "It really showed the character of our team."

The most character may have been shown by the three stars of Western's offense: Tag-

gart, Floyd and junior wide receiver Joey Stockton.

Taggart, whose ankle is still not 100 percent from an injury he suffered against Marshall over a month ago, rushed for 106 yards on 23 carries.

"Having Willie close to full strength was the important thing," Stockton said. "He brings the extra dimension to the offense."

Floyd came back from a 13-yard performance against Liberty the previous weekend with a vengeance. He led the Hill-

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Respect, admiration top teams' next match

BY JERRY BREWER

When Western volleyball coach Travis Hudson and Evansville coach Mark Hardaway shake hands tomorrow, it will mean more than just sweaty palms being pressed together.

It will mean respect.

Hardaway, who coached Western from 1993-1995, and his Evansville Aces (6-17) play the Hilltoppers (13-14) at 7:30 tomorrow night at Evansville's Carson Center.

"I don't enjoy matches against him (Hardaway)," Hudson said. "I respected him and the way he did things."

It will be the second meeting of the season between the two. On Sept. 7, Western beat Evansville 15-12, 16-14 and 15-4 in Kalamazoo, Mich., at the Western Michigan Invitational.

"For me, the Western match is hard for two reasons," said Hardaway, who compiled a 45-27 record as Western's coach. "It's hard to play against those players you recruited and coached."

"And it's hard to play against Coach Hudson. But it's something we're going to have to get used to because since we're so close to each other, we're going to play a lot."

Hudson served as an assistant under Hardaway, but they both learned from each other.

Hudson learned how to be a coach.

"What I learned from Mark was not tactical," Hudson said. "I learned more of the personal ways of coaching from him, how to treat players. He cares a great deal about his players. I'll always be grateful to him. He helped me get my start."

But the mentor learned from his understudy, too.

"When I look at Western, I don't think of it as my former team," Hardaway said. "I think of it as Travis' team. The relationship he had with the team before I got there was one of reasons I was so successful. It was really Travis' team while I was there."

Soccer team searching for new conference

BY MIKE FINCH

Next Thursday's matchup with Alabama A&M could be Western's last Sun Belt Conference soccer game.

Western is considering a move to the Missouri Valley Conference because the Sun Belt no longer has an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

When Arkansas-Little Rock dropped its soccer program last spring, the Sun Belt lost its bid.

"Right now our goal is to move up in the Sun Belt Conference standings," Western coach David Holmes said.

"We are looking into alternatives for the future to be able to play into the NCAA Tournament."

Six teams play soccer in the MVC — Creighton, Evansville, Southwest Missouri State, Southern Illinois, Bradley and Drake.

Western is 3-1 against MVC opponents this season.

Lewis Mills, Western athletics

director, said the MVC's strong soccer tradition would benefit the Hilltopper soccer program.

"Anytime you can be in a conference, it helps your recruiting," he said. "We would also play a tougher schedule, which would be a plus for our program."

Mills also said Vanderbilt, another Sun Belt member, is eyeing a move to the MVC.

No move has been made by either university, and both are still members of the Sun Belt.

"Right now we are still members of the Sun Belt," Holmes said. "That is the fact

that matters until the season is over." Mills said Western needs to affiliate itself with a conference that will produce the best results for the program and the university.

"We feel what we need is to be in a conference that can offer postseason play for its champion," Mills said.

"Right now, the Missouri Valley Conference is very appealing to us."

"We are looking into alternatives for the future to be able to play into the NCAA Tournament."

— David Holmes
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Women's golf ends season on upswing

◆ Team places third among nine teams, marking the first time Western has finished in the top five in team competitions this season

By George Robinson

Western's women's golf team saved its best performance of the fall season for last.

In a tournament hampered by wind and rain, the Hilltoppers finished third (979) among nine teams competing in the three-day Hilltopper/Racer Classic Oct. 20-22 at Miller Memorial Golf Course.

The tournament marks the first time Western has finished in the top five in team competition in six tournament appearances this season.

"We probably could have ended in second if we had one of our players," Western coach Leslie Lawrence said.

Sophomore Kellie Brown was unable to make the trip because of back trouble that began to bother her during the tournament in Lexington on Oct. 11-13.

"It worsened during the week and by Friday trainers told me that I had a kidney infection," she said. "I really wanted to finish the season, but it wasn't possible — now I feel better."

Despite the loss of Brown, the team was able to finish the first round of play with total score of 319, second only to Murray State.

The Hilltoppers faltered in the second round, shooting a combined 336 to fall to fifth place but gained ground with the best score of the third round, 324.

Three Western golfers finished in the top 10 in individual scoring. Freshman Jamie Hagedorn finished sixth with a score of 241 (28-over par) and sophomores Ashley Smith and Beth Blevins tied for seventh (29-over par).

"The weather played a major factor," Blevins said. "The first day we played great, but the second day we just couldn't pull it together. We were 13 or 14 shots out of first place. The third day we were able to come back and finish strong."

Murray State won the Classic and relied on its strong first round score of 317. The Racers finished the tournament with a score of 964. Eastern Kentucky finished second (975).

"We did not, as a team, finish the way we wanted," Blevins said. "Every tournament we improved, but it seemed like the competition would improve also."

Hagedorn proved to be an important part of the team, adding extra scoring and taking the pressure off some of the other players, Blevins said.

Hagedorn had four first-place and two third-place finishes in individual competition this season.

"I had a good season overall," she said. "I still need to work on my putting and improving on hitting the green."

Western is eager to start its spring season and enter the Sun Belt Conference.

"I can't wait until the spring," Blevins said. "I want to get back to the Sun Belt Conference tournament. Arkansas State and (Arkansas) Little Rock are getting worried about us. They used to beat us all the time, but now we are closing the gap."



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During the Western Rugby Club's 54-0 romp over Murray State University on Saturday, Russellville sophomore David Thoma is hoisted to reach a ball thrown into play.

PLAYING DIRTY



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Nashville senior Joe Henley shrugs off a Murray State defender.



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Murray State players tackle New York senior Andy Teller near the sideline.



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GLAD: Team 'committed to finishing the season strong'

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toppers with 30 carries for 154 yards.

Taggart's and Floyd's 100-plus game marked only the 14th time in Western history that two players rushed for more than 100 yards in a game.

"We came into this game knowing that we were going to try to go up the middle," Floyd said. "So I knew my number was going to get called a lot."

Floyd took advantage of his

"I wanted Antwan to get the ball a lot because I really wanted him to break the record."

— Willie Taggart
quarterback

number being called and Western continued to get him the ball.

"I wanted Antwan to get the ball a lot because I really wanted him to break the record," Taggart said.

While Stockton did get more passes thrown his way than usual in this game, his kick returns helped make the difference and set up Western to put points on the board.

Stockton's 52-yard punt return late in the second quarter put the ball at the Indiana State 16-yard line.

Senior fullback LaTravis Powell scored from three yards out to put Western up 13-7.

"With a different offense, Joey Stockton could really be something special," Harbaugh said. "He has a great team attitude."

Harbaugh said Stockton doesn't get as many catches in Western's offense because he has had the team playing ultra-conservative — something he vows to change.

His first opportunity to lose that ultra-conservative tag will



Will Chandler/Herald

During Saturday's Homecoming game at Smith Stadium, junior quarterback Willie Taggart is chased while running an option play against Indiana State. Western broke their four-game losing streak with a 27-20 win.

come against Southern Illinois at 6 p.m. Saturday at Smith Stadium.

The Hilltoppers' final two opponents, Southern Illinois and Morehead State, have a combined 8-7 record this season.

Stockton said he hopes the Indiana State game will not be the last time Western is on the winning side of the score.

"We regret the losses, but we're committed to finishing the season strong with a winning record," he said.

Tailback chasing rushing history

HERALD STAFF REPORT

With two games remaining, senior tailback Antwan Floyd needs just 34 yards to break Western's all-time rushing record. Former Hilltopper Joe Arnold, who played at Western from 1965-1968, rushed for 3,570 yards in his career.

Before Saturday's game against Indiana State, Floyd needed just 188 yards to break the record. He carried the ball 30 times for 154 yards.

It was Floyd's 17th game where he rushed for more than 100 yards in a game. That tied a Western school record held by former Hilltopper Dickie Moore, who played at Western from 1965-1968.

"I don't have a choice whether or not I think about (the record)," Floyd said after Saturday's 27-20 Homecoming win. "Coming down to the last three ball games and being only a few yards shy, I can't help but to have it on my mind."



Antwan Floyd

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Lady Toppers to hold open house

The Western women's basketball team will host an open house for the public at 4 p.m. Friday at the Diddle Arena Auxiliary Gym.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet the coaches and players of the 1996-1997 team at 4 p.m. and then watch practice, which begins at 4:45 p.m.

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Tops claim victory in five-game competition

By JERRY BREWER

Jamie Ritterskamp quietly stood outside the Diddle Arena court as she waited for practice to begin yesterday.

Ritterskamp, being the Western volleyball team's most consistent player, takes just about everything in stride. Her visage often reveals shyness rather than stardom.

But as a soft smile creased Ritterskamp's face, it revealed one definite characteristic — confidence.

Ritterskamp's career-high 28 kills led Western's volleyball team to a 15-13, 15-7, 11-15, 9-15 and 15-13 win at Memphis University on Saturday.

"It all comes down to confidence," the junior middle hitter said. "Teams have been keying on me and Marni (Denton) all year. I consider it a compliment."

"I was frustrated after (Friday's) Arkansas State game. I just wanted to come out and play well."

The 28 kills was the second highest single-match total in Western's history. Only Amber Simons, who had 30 kills against Arkansas-Little Rock in 1993, registered more kills in a match.

"I've been struggling the last couple of games," Ritterskamp said. "It was nice to have that kind of game."

And it was nice to have a win. Western (13-14, 3-4 in Sun Belt) stumbled into Memphis on a four-game losing streak. The win soothed the pain of the Hilltoppers' recent skid.

"We should've won in three games, but we didn't," freshman outside hitter Melissa Starck said. "In an indirect way, it was a big win because we haven't won a five-set rally scoring match this year."

While Denton, a senior middle hitter who had 17 kills against Memphis, added more to the middle attack, outside hitters Tina Nikolaou and Starck also contributed.

Starck registered a double-double with 14 kills and 12 digs, while Nikolaou added 11 kills.

"In high school, I was a very aggressive player," Starck said. "I got here and thought that I needed to be more shot-oriented instead of such a power player. But Travis (Hudson, Western coach) told me to just go for it and stop being so passive."

Senior setter Karrie Donahue had 65 assists, spreading the ball to every hitter.

"I had a meeting with Karrie and told her we needed to make an effort to get the ball to our outside hitters," Hudson said. "Then, I told out the outsiders that they've got to start carrying some of the load offensively."

And the outside hitters responded. But the Toppers still had to struggle to get the win. After winning the first two games, Memphis responded by winning the next two.

"We thought it was over," Hudson said. "Unfortunately, we forgot to tell Memphis that."

But Western rallied to win the fifth set. It was a struggle, but it may have been a good thing.

"I never doubted we were going to win that match," said freshman setter Jenni Miller, who had five digs. "I knew it was going to be our turn to gain back momentum."

"Even though we should have finished them off early, it gives us confidence that we can win if a match goes to five games."

Toppers lose to Lady Indians of Arkansas

Hudson sounded like a broken record when he described Arkansas State's 15-12, 15-7 and 15-11 win over Western.

"Same song, different verse," he said. "We just aren't doing the things that will beat good teams. We're not playing consistently enough."

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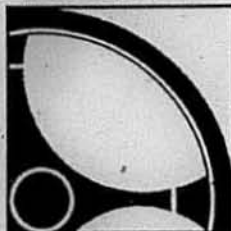
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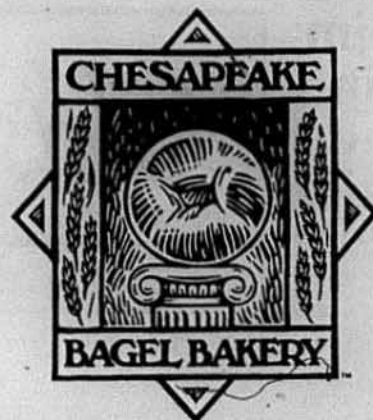
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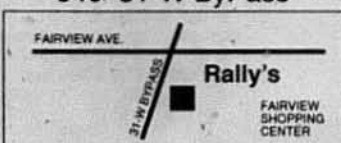
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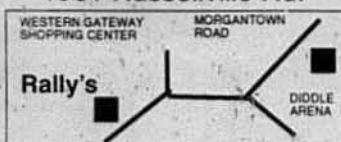


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